

**ILLINOIS DUNESLAND GARDEN CLUB MEETING**  
**April 12, 2011**  
**Zion Benton Library**

The welcome and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by co-president Beth Dermondy. Two guests were acknowledged before our speaker was introduced. Lynn Hepler from the Lake County Forest Preserve gave an interesting and informative presentation on “Bugs—Good Guys and Bad Guys”

**Business Meeting**

The minutes from the March meeting were read and the treasurer’s report was given.

**Committee Reports**

**Upcoming tours.**

April Meyers reported that the trip to Al’s Arboretum was scheduled for June 7. Lunch will be planned at Millie’s. \$10 for gas was determined for the trip.

The Janesville Botanical Garden tour is scheduled for July 19. The cost is \$6 for the guided tour.

The Chicago Botanical Garden will be planned for a spring tour in early May or a summer tour in July or August. The tour is free, there will be a lunch expense.

**Workshops.**

The Stepping Stones for Children workshop is set for August 9, 9 am at April Meyers’ house. Jill LaBelle will lead the session, the cost is \$10, cement and form will be supplied, you supply the child.

The Container Workshop is planned for May 24, 9 am at April Meyers’ house. The cost is \$15, plants and potting soil will be supplied, bring your own pot up to 12” size. Please indicate if you want to work with shade or sun plants.

Beth asked if there was interest in a workshop to assemble an Aldo Leopold garden bench. A date may be planned later this summer.

**Old Business**

Scholarship update: Jan reported all is in place for a student to be selected for the club scholarship. She reminded the club of the May 3 “Character Education’s Health and

Wellness Workshop at the high school. April Meyers, Jill LaBelle, and Linda McKinney will present a workshop on organic gardening.

Calendar update. There is a chance that we can supply our pictures for the 2012 Zion calendar.

Arbor Day. An Arbor Day Celebration is planned in Grayslake on April 30, 9 am to noon. A signup sheet is available for carpooling, meet at the park district lot at 8:15 am.

Tree for Winthrop Harbor park bench. There is no need for a tree, and if we contributed a large planter we would have to maintain it. The group decided not to pursue the idea.

### **Other Items and Concerns**

Remember the ZB library plant exchange on Saturday, May 14 at 1 pm. Sandi and Beth will be doing a demo on planting a container herb garden.

An Evite will be coming in May for the June tea. Dues for next year will be collected.

Our next meeting, May 10, will be the annual plant auction. Please label your plants with the name of the plant and other important information. The potluck begins at 11:30 and the auction begins at 1 pm. Members are encouraged to bring a friend. For the potluck: A-D brings salad, E-G brings dessert, H-O brings a main dish, and R-Z brings a hot side dish.

Mary Butler reported that "Conservancy Open Days" gives a chance to tour private gardens, beginning May 1. A web search will provide more information, a discount coupon book is available.

Ellen Buntrock brought a number of seeds that members are encouraged to take and plant. Thank you, Ellen.

The refreshment committee was thanked for the wonderful snacks and Easter theme.

Sign up sheets are available for: High Tea clean up, Garden Tour volunteers, Arbor Day Outing in Grayslake, the Container workshop, and Stepping Stones for Children workshop.

Beth gave her tip of the month.

Respectfully Submitted

Doreen Matteson, Secretary